

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please insert the following section heading after the title on page 1:

Cross-References

Please replace the paragraph found on page 1, lines 4-15, of the specification, with the following three replacement paragraphs:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. **Patent** Application Serial No. 09/549,970 filed April 14, 2000 **(the '970 application)**. **This application also claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/241,714, filed October 18, 2000.** ~~;-which~~

The '970 application, in turn, claims the priority **under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)** of U.S. Provisional **Patent** Application Serial No. 60/170,947 filed December 15, 1999, and ~~[[of]]~~ U.S. Provisional **Patent** Application Serial No. 60/129,664 filed April 15, 1999, ~~;-both~~ of which are herein incorporated in their entirety by reference. ~~It also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application filed October 18, 2000, titled "Composition and Method for Multiplexed Analysis of Cell Populations", by Ravkin, and U.S. Continuation-in-part application filed October 18, 2000, titled "Chemical Library Composition and Method",~~

~~by Ravkin, et al., both of which are herein incorporated in their entirety by reference.~~

The above U.S. and provisional patent applications each are incorporated herein by reference.